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SUBJECT: ICELAND-UK FISHERIES DISPUTE: TRAWLERS RESUME  
FISHING AFTER COMPENSATION OFFER

REF: IRVING-PINKNEY (EUR-NE) TELECON JAN 29

1. AS EMBASSY REPORTED, LOCAL MEDIA CLAIMED THAT  
BRITISH FISHING TRAWLERS GAVE THEIR OWNERS ULTIMATUM  
JAN 28 THAT FISHING WOULD CEASE UNLESS NAVAL PRO-  
TECTION PROVIDED. YESTERDAY, THEY WERE SIGHTED PUL-  
LING OUT OF ICELANDIC FISHING ZONE. HOWEVER, MEDIA  
TODAY FEATURES REPORT FROM LONDON THAT UK GOVT HAS  
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AGREED TO COMPENSATE TRAWLER OWNERS AND CREWS FOR

LOSSES UP TO 100,000 POUNDS STERLING STEMMING FROM INABILITY TO FISH FREELY ON ICELANDIC FISHING GROUNDS BECAUSE OF GOI COAST GUARD ENFORCEMENT MEASURES. COMPENSATION PLAN, WHICH REPORTEDLY COVERS PERIOD JANUARY 24-FEBRUARY 4, IS SEEN HERE AS HMG ALTERNATIVE TO YIELDING TO DEMANDS FOR PROTECTION BY FRIGATES.

2. GOI COAST GUARD REPORTS TODAY THAT TRAWLERS WERE SEEN RETURNING TO FISHING GROUNDS LAST NIGHT. THEIR CATCH WILL PRESUMABLY BE KEPT TO MINIMUM AS TRAWLERS ARE SAID TO BE OBEYING INSTRUCTIONS TO PULL IN NETS WHENEVER ORDERED TO BY GOI COAST GUARD.

3. WITH TIGHT SECURITY BEING MAINTAINED OVER DISCUSSIONS WITHIN AND BETWEEN COALITION POLITICAL PARTIES, MUST BE ASSUMED NO DECISIONS YET REACHED ON HOW TO REACT TO WILSON-HALLGRIMSSON DISCUSSIONS. HOWEVER, THIS COMPENSATION OFFER TO TRAWLERS BY HMG APPARENTLY BUYS A FEW MORE DAYS WITHIN WHICH DISCUSSIONS CAN CONTINUE WITHOUT IMMEDIATE THREAT OF NEW INTERVENTION BY BRITISH FRIGATES. IRVING

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